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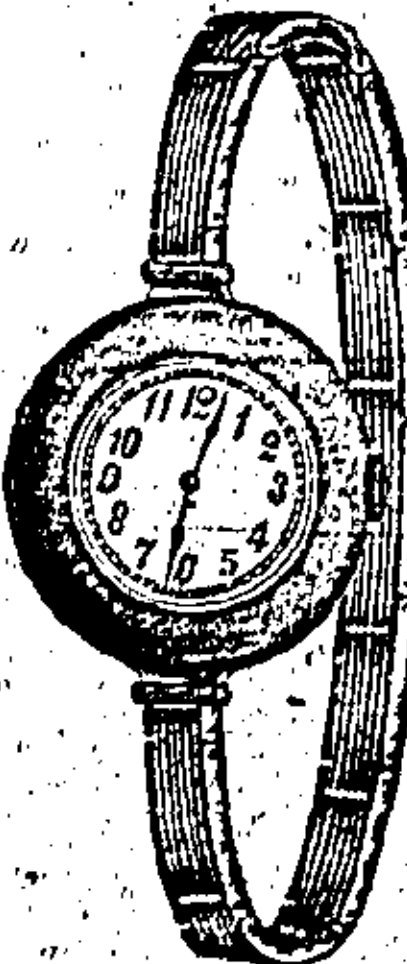
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III—Life & Annuity Funds £17,567,680

Sinking Fund Account £26,320

£23,970,367

Revenue Fire Branch £2,331,456

Life and Annuity Branches £2,141,693

Revenue Marine Department £37,239

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

11 a.m.—Auction of Overcoats, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
4.30 p.m.—Mong Kok-sui Memorial Stone Celebration.
6 p.m.—Lecture by Mr. P. Inglis in St. Joseph's College Hall.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, December 17.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

SATURDAY, Dec. 18.—
Noon.—Extraordinary General Meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Toys, at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

MORNING, Dec. 20.—
11 a.m.—Extraordinary General Meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.
11.15 a.m.—Extraordinary General Meeting of the China Traders Insurance Co., Ltd.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curios at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral.

VISITING CARDS

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at the time that he uttered it. It appears now from what is reported regarding Mr. Asquith's forthcoming statement that the "example" will likely be a rather half-hearted one. It should not be so. It should be one that will be a clear indication to all that our worthy legislators are profoundly desirous of impressing their fellow-countrymen of the need for the suggested economy, thus showing they realise that from public officials should come the initiative in no unmistakable manner. We have never been of those who were of opinion that Members of the House of Commons should not be paid for their services in Parliament. Surely the labourer is worthy of his hire, and even though the "labour" expended by many members of the House of Commons is not glaringly apparent, yet doubtless they are, like the policeman in the comic song, "there when wanted." Consequently they deserve to be paid for any waste of their private time that might be incurred. But during these comparatively simple Parliamentary times, when Party politics are in abeyance, we see no reason why at least Members of the House of Commons and even of the Cabinet should not propose that their salaries be substantially reduced—aye, and in an "all-round" manner too. Further, there is no reason why the salaries of all public officials, at home or in the Colonies, should not, where possible, likewise suffer a similar change, made absolutely and emphatically necessary in these days of depleted national revenue.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15, 1915.

MINISTERIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES.

No doubt Mr. Asquith will, when he makes his promised statement, show good reason why the Government "do not intend to propose an all-round reduction in the salaries of Ministers and members of Parliament" and it would certainly be too much (even in the nature of intelligent anticipation) for us to comment upon what the Prime Minister may say. We must say, however, that the statement just made will come as an unpleasant surprise to many, for there can be no doubt about the necessity for such a complete all-round reduction. Much will depend, no doubt, upon what Mr. Asquith means by the phrase "all-round," which of course is one of those phrases that may mean much or very little indeed. In the words of our Grand Old Man of the House of Commons—(an appellation which Mr. Asquith now thoroughly deserves to share with his distinguished predecessor to whom the name was frequently applied)—we shall "wait and see" what happens before commenting further. As is well known, many members of the present Government, as also many members of Parliament who are not members of the Government, have of late—in season and not infrequently out of season—expressed the opinion that the need is very apparent for the exercise of economy by the people as a whole. In one way or another they have tried to impart to the masses a simple little lesson in political economy to the effect that they cannot spend money in the old way and yet have it for the new way, namely, to buy munitions with which to pulverise the enemy and to lead us to a glorious victory. But, as we had occasion to point out some little time ago, we think that those glib Ministers and politicians would do well to keep in mind that from them in particular should come an example in the matter referred to.

We see no reason why the salaries, not only of the members of the Government, but also of Government officials throughout the Empire should not be substantially reduced in these days of decreased national revenue. It has been pointed out by many officials, both Parliamentary and otherwise, that the need for retrenchment is urgent. Recently Mr. Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, very properly in our opinion, stated that an example should be set by the Cabinet and by Parliamentarians generally. We heartily endorse his view, as we did

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A branch of the Chartered Bank is to be opened in Peking on the 20th inst.

Colonel Crisp reports to the Police that during the evening of the 13th inst. some person stole from his dressing table at 48b, Nathan Road, two silver watches and \$140 in money.

The sum of \$167, part of the offertory at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, in aid of the Diocesan Girls' School Building Fund, is gratefully acknowledged by the Rev. Treasurer.

For the convenience of jurymen, the Chief Justice has adjourned the Criminal Sessions until after Christmas. Jurymen must attend at the Supreme Court on Tuesday, December 28, at 10 a.m.

The export of rubber from the Federated Malay States this year had amounted to the end of October to 34,127 tons as compared with 21,447 tons for the corresponding period of 1914, and 18,783 tons in 1913.

As a result of the Shanghai Autumn Race Meeting a total of \$30,000 has been distributed among the following war funds, viz.: The Allied Red Cross, The Allied Blue Cross, The British Aircraft and the Shanghai Relief Funds.

The N.Y.K. "Suwa-maru," which arrived in port this morning brought back a number of residents from England including Mr. E. J. Grist, Mrs. P. Hodgson, Mrs. and Miss Main, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Wolf, and Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Brown.

At the monthly general meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, held on 2nd inst. in London, the Bishop in Kyn-shih said that, although in Japan there were only 120,000 Christians, counting all bodies, yet the whole nation were capable of being converted to Christian ideas, and their loyalty to those allied with them was a mighty force working for righteousness. The S.P.K. might well be called the mother of the infant churches there.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., as General Agents of the Luzon Sugar Refining Co., give in our advertisement columns an estimated Profit and Loss Account of this Company for the nine months to September 30th, 1915. A profit of \$95,215 is shown on the working of a statement before the year is completed, and the hope is freely expressed that it might be extended to other local companies.

Trade on the bank at Tientsin is at present rather congested. It is piled high with cargo. Some of the steamers are unloading at the other side of the river, says the "China Times."

The revenue of the Chinese Maritime Customs for the month of November was \$2,900,000, and that of the Native Customs \$700,000 while that of the Salt (Gabelle) was \$2,500,000.

A Chinese gentleman informs us that at about 8 p.m. yesterday he picked up from the street a leather handbag, containing a watch and chain and some money. He has sent the handbag and its contents to the Central Police Station.

Mr. Hazeland this morning made an order, upon the usual conditions, to commission 125 tons of prepared opium, and 300 lbs. of loose opium, found by the Police on board the Blue Funnel steamer "Antiochus." Inspector Gordon made the application.

The C.N. Co.'s s.s. "Luchow," due tomorrow evening, will bring the first lot of subscription gifts (27 we understand) for the next Hongkong Race Meeting; besides several other gifts, old pieces, etc. The vessel will be moored alongside the Douglas Wharf where the point will be landed.

A British Consular report on Chicago records that the "direct imports from Hongkong to that city" were valued at \$17,375 in 1913, against \$10,570 in 1912, and \$12,550 in 1911. Imports from Japan for the past three years were \$24,787 in 1914, \$29,141 in 1913, and \$31,357 in 1912; and from China \$137,970, \$112,059, and \$122,021 respectively.

A Peking correspondent states that the German Major Dinkelmann, who is one of the military advisors to the Chinese Government, and who, it has been proved, took part in the defence of Tientsin, and otherwise has been mixed up with German intrigues in China, thus affecting the neutral position of the Republic, has been given his congé and will have to leave the capital.

The P. & O. S. N. Co. have sent us a copy of their "Diary and 1916 Almanack." As in former years, it is full of useful information relative to the affairs of the great shipping Company, and of a general nature. Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co., as agents for the General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Co., Ltd., have sent us a diary and wall calendar.

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INTERESTING CEREMONY AT THE CRICKET GROUND.

There was a full parade of Volunteer and Reserve on the Cricket Ground last evening, when His Excellency, the Governor, Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G., decorated Major D. Macdonald and Capt. G. P. Lamont with the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration (V.D.). Over 800 men were on parade and there was also a large attendance of the general public.

Major Macdonald, who is second in command of the Volunteer Force of the Colony, joined as a private in 1894, and was promoted to sergeant the same year. In 1899 he was given a commission, and rose to the rank of Captain in 1899 and Major in 1907.

Captain Lamont also joined as a private in 1894, obtaining his commission in 1904. Four years later he was given a captaincy. He is in command of the Right Section of the Machine Gun Company, and at present is the Officer Commanding Supplies and Transport.

The decoration takes the form of a medal, with green ribbon attached. The words "Auxiliary Colonial Forces" are engraved on the medal, with "G.R.I." in the centre surrounded by a wreath. His Excellency inspected the forces, being accompanied by Major General Ventres (G.O.C. of the British Forces in China), Colonel Chapman, V.D., Colonel Lees, R.A., and Major Wharmston.

Addressing the troops from the centre of the ground, the Governor said:— "It affords me very great pleasure to come here to-day to present Major Macdonald and Captain Lamont with the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration. This decoration is given to those who have distinguished themselves by their services to the Colony. To me it is a special pleasure to present these honours to these officers because I had the honour of serving with them myself when I was a member of the Hong Kong Volunteers in 1894-96. In fact, when Major Macdonald was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 1899, I actually served under him, and if my memory serves me right, Captain Lamont served under me in my Machine Gun Section, and I have pleasure in recalling that most able assistance. I also want to take the opportunity of this afternoon of telling the Volunteer Corps how proud I am of the way in which they have responded to their country's call. I have alluded to my services to the Volunteers. There were in the days when there were no Hong Kong Volunteer Reserves. I know I have been called the father of that fine body of men. At one time I wished to give that proud position to Sir Matthew Nathan, but you have grown into such a splendid body that I can no longer do so. I myself feel the pleasure of placing myself in the ranks of the Volunteers. It is a deep pleasure for me to see the fine body of the Volunteer Reserves have grown into. As I have said before, and there is no harm in my saying it again, it is through the numbers and the spirit of the Volunteers that we have been able to repulse the forces of the Regular Garrison very large numbers. The stricken fields of Neuve Chapelle, Festubert and Loos have been drenched with the blood of gallant men whose names will live for ever in the hearts of the British people. I know that sometimes you have thought that you have not had much opportunity of doing a great deal in this great crisis, but I should like you to remember the fact that you have been just last stress, and I would also like to tell you it was not the other day that the General Officer Commanding said to me that he did not know how he would get on without you. His Excellency then pinned the medals to the coats of the recipients, after which the Volunteers and Reserve companies marched past.

THE PACIFIC AND EASTERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

A New Sino-American Enterprise.

The Pacific and Eastern Steamship Company, which was incorporated at Albany on October 29th with a capital of \$2,000,000, is designed to operate freight and passenger services under the American flag between China, the Philippines, and the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts of the United States.

The new company is a joint American and Chinese enterprise. The American interests are represented by E. Martens, Sons of Cumberland, Md., and Washington, D.C., and the Chinese interests by capitalists in Shanghai and Canton.

John Mitchell, Jr., of the firm of E. Martens, Sons is President of the Company. He also is President of the Washington and Southern Bank of New York.

The managing director and promoter of the company is Philip Manson of New York, who recently returned from China, where he concluded arrangements for its organisation. Mr. Rodfield, the Secretary for Commerce, says that the company will buy charter steamers so that sailings may begin very soon and will build new steamers to be delivered as quickly as possible. One-half of the capital has been subscribed by Americans and one-half by Chinese. There are four Americans and the latter being Yung Kwei, counsel of the Chinese Legation.

"It is very interesting to know that the Pacific and Eastern Company considers itself able to do business under existing law and to sail its ships under the United States flag," said Mr. Rodfield. "In this connection it may be well to recall that another company, the China Mail, made its first sailing from San Francisco for the Orient on October 27th."

PROHIBITING SHIP SALES.

The restrictions upon the sale to foreigners of British ships have been so severe that, except in the case of French buyers, with whose Government a special arrangement exists, very few transactions of the kind have so far taken place. This prohibition naturally prevents British tonnage from getting into the hands of neutral firms for the benefit of enemy traders, and it has also been of assistance to British owners, in view of the wholesale requisitioning of merchant vessels by the Admiralty for transport and other purposes. I now hear that Spain likewise has decided not to sanction the transfer to foreign flags of ships on the national register, and that Holland is following the example, though in her case the restriction applies to belligerent nations only, the intention evidently being to stop the use of Dutch boats for military purposes during hostilities.

The Austrian Government, meanwhile, have issued a decree forbidding the transfer of the ownership of Austrian vessels wholly or partially to the subjects of foreign States without the express sanction of the Minister of Commerce. As, however, the Allied fleet control navigation, in and how this decree can have any practical effect, the Adriatic, it is difficult to see.

DISPUTE ABOUT RENT.

At the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Wong Pak Him, of 10, Robinson Street East, sued Lo Pak Shiu, alias Lam Pang, of 68, Connaught Road Central, managing partner of the Tung On Theatre Company of that address, for \$240 being two Chinese months' rent for premises at 35, Gough Street.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner was for the plaintiff and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton for the defendant.

Mr. Shenton said that his client claimed to have given a valid and verbal notice to quit. They paid the rent that was due from them on another writ.

Mr. Gardiner said that in that case he might have to apply for leave to amend to ask for double rent, as the defendant stopped on.

Judgment was given for plaintiff with costs.

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HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The business for to-morrow's meeting.

1 Financial Minutes.
2 Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 16.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the loan to be paid in this Colony in respect of various things and matters to be granted or done under the provisions of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914.

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Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to companies.

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DESPERADOES AT SHA-TAU-KOK.

Armed robbers on the British frontier near Sha-tau-kok are causing much anxiety to the Police in that area. Last night a gang of five men, apparently from the Chinese territory, attacked a farmer at his house 65, Nam Cheung, which adjoins Sha-tau-kok. They carried knives and revolvers and after terrorising the inhabitants, made good their escape with \$1,500 in notes, \$10 in twenty-cent pieces and a quantity of jewellery and clothing of which the value is not yet known.

THE PACIFIC AND EASTERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

A New Sino-American Enterprise.

The Pacific and Eastern Steamship Company, which was incorporated at Albany on October 29th with a capital of \$2,000,000, is designed to operate freight and passenger services under the American flag between China, the Philippines, and the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts of the United States.

The new company is a joint American and Chinese enterprise. The American interests are represented by E. Martens, Sons of Cumberland, Md., and Washington, D.C., and the Chinese interests by capitalists in Shanghai and Canton.

John Mitchell, Jr., of the firm of E. Martens, Sons is President of the Company. He also is President of the Washington and Southern Bank of New York.

The managing director and promoter of the company is Philip Manson of New York, who recently returned from China, where he concluded arrangements for its organisation. Mr. Rodfield, the Secretary for Commerce, says that the company will buy charter steamers so that sailings may begin very soon and will build new steamers to be delivered as quickly as possible. One-half of the capital has been subscribed by Americans and one-half by Chinese. There are four Americans and the latter being Yung Kwei, counsel of the Chinese Legation.

"It is very interesting to know that the Pacific and Eastern Company considers itself able to do business under existing law and to sail its ships under the United States flag," said Mr. Rodfield. "In this connection it may be well to recall that another company, the China Mail, made its first sailing from San Francisco for the Orient on October 27th."

PROHIBITING SHIP SALES.

The restrictions upon the sale to foreigners of British ships have been so severe that, except in the case of French buyers, with whose Government a special arrangement exists, very few transactions of the kind have so far taken place. This prohibition naturally prevents British tonnage from getting into the hands of neutral firms for the benefit of enemy traders, and it has also been of assistance to British owners, in view of the wholesale requisitioning of merchant vessels by the Admiralty for transport and other purposes. I now hear that Spain likewise has decided not to sanction the transfer to foreign flags of ships on the national register, and that Holland is following the example, though in her case the restriction applies to belligerent nations only, the intention evidently being to stop the use of Dutch boats for military purposes during hostilities.

The Austrian Government, meanwhile, have issued a decree forbidding the transfer of the ownership of Austrian vessels wholly or partially to the subjects of foreign States without the express sanction of the Minister of Commerce. As, however, the Allied fleet control navigation, in and how this decree can have any practical effect, the Adriatic, it is difficult to see.

DISPUTE ABOUT RENT.

At the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Wong Pak Him, of 10, Robinson Street East, sued Lo Pak Shiu, alias Lam Pang, of 68, Connaught Road Central, managing partner of the Tung On Theatre Company of that address, for \$240 being two Chinese months' rent for premises at 35, Gough Street.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner was for the plaintiff and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton for the defendant.

Mr. Shenton said that his client claimed to have given a valid and verbal notice to quit. They paid the rent that was due from them on another writ.

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THE YANGTZE WHARF AND GODOWN CO.

A British Company To Be German.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Yangtze Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., was held at Shanghai on the 8th inst. at the offices of Messrs. Cartwright and Co. There were present: Mr. C. Rosenbaum (President), Messrs. J. H. H. and C. Bunker (Directors), O. Landgraf (Secretary) and seven other shareholders. The attendance represented 17,727 shares.

The notice calling the meeting having been read, the Chairman said:— "Gentlemen, since our last Ordinary General Meeting, our Company has been in a rather awkward position. Our German and Austrian directors, on whose support we have been principally dependent for our earnings, have naturally withdrawn what was left of it on account of the British registration of this Company, and since the 23rd of July, the date of coming into effect of the 'Leading with the Enemy in China' regulations, we have been altogether barred from such business, while the other side, knowing the preponderance of German interests in the Company, would or could not recognize us as a British concern."

There is a paucity of way out of the difficulty except sitting still and wait for the end of the war. Your Directors have carefully avoided any acts in contravention to the various King's Regulations, dealing with the "Trading with the Enemy," but when we are called upon to resign in favour of a Board of British Directors, as we are by the new Order-in-Council coming into effect on 1st January next, we are not aware that our German and Austrian directors would or could not recognize us as a British concern.

We would feel guilty of deserting the interests of the great majority of shareholders, which would be treated as an "alien enemy" by such a Board. It is true that the new Order-in-Council only calls for a majority of British Directors, but from experience you all know that does not mean that over one member of German nationality would under present circumstances be suffered to remain on the Board.

Besides it appears to be very doubtful whether British subjects could be found willing to accept the posts of Directors. The only way out of the difficulty is to have the Company re-registered under the "reign of terror" lately enacted by the British Authorities in this international community in a neutral country, who ever the receipt of a letter from an enemy subject will bring a Britisher into conflict with the British authorities. The publication of the new Order-in-Council on Nov. 18th came in time to call this Extraordinary Meeting, the purpose of which has been communicated to you in the notice just read and in a private circular letter dated Nov. 22nd, and sent to every shareholder, with a view to wind up the Company voluntarily and to withdraw from the British Register before the 1st January next.

The road is paved for the registration of a new company under German jurisdiction as soon as the formalities for winding up this Company have been carried out. The new Company taking over all assets and liabilities as from the 1st January 1916 and to be conducted on exactly the same lines as the old one, the shareholders to receive one share of the same nominal value in the new Company for every share held by them in the old.

"Before moving the resolution, I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to put."

There were no questions, and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Lee, the following resolution was declared carried:—

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Mr. O. Bunker be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up."

The Chairman then proposed Resolution No. 2, viz:—

"That the said Liquidator be and he is hereby authorised to sell the Company as a going concern to a new Company, 'Yangtze Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.' incorporated under German Law upon the terms and conditions fully set forth in a letter dated 22nd November 1915, a copy of which has been addressed and duly despatched to every shareholder."

This was seconded by Mr. Lee and carried. The Chairman then proposed Resolution No. 3, viz:—

BRITISH AND CHINESE CORPORATION.

Railway Construction in China.

The report to June 30 states after writing down investments by £14,729, the profit is £7,672, and with balance forward £18,701. Directors recommend dividend 5 p.c. tax free, leaving £12,541 forward. If it had not been for the outbreak of the war it is probable that fresh business might have been undertaken with the Chinese Government, but prevailing conditions render placing fresh loans impracticable. The conclusion of a loan agreement for eight million sterling for the construction of the Nanking-Hankow Railway was set out last year, where it was also stated that the Corporation had advanced to the Chinese Government the sum of £278,000 for certain purposes connected with that line. The Corporation is continuing to make small monthly advances to enable the survey to be carried on, which, the directors are advised, is proceeding satisfactorily. It is impossible to say, under present circumstances, when the loan can be issued. Work on the Wuhan-Hankow section of the Hankow-Canton Railway is proceeding without interruption.

At a meeting of the creditors of the Duke of Manchester it was stated that accounts had been lodged showing unsecured liabilities £80,923, fully secured debts £108,126, the securities being valued at the same amount; partly secured debts £234, the securities being valued at £64,000, and a claim for £2,225. The only available assets returned were "jewellery and clothing." Baron Buxton, for the debtor, asked for an arrangement to be made by a scheme of arrangement to be submitted.

THE WAR.

TODAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE BRITISH ARMY.

TO BE INCREASED TO 4,000,000.

LONDON, Dec. 14. A Supplementary Estimate has been issued authorising the increase of the Army to 4,000,000.

THE ARMY VOTE.

LONDON, Dec. 14. Mr. Asquith, in the House of Commons, said that it was impossible to secure exact figures for this week and that consequently the Army Vote would be postponed till December 21.

NEW POST FOR GENERAL SMITH-DORRIEN.

LONDON, Dec. 14. In the House of Commons, Mr. H. J. Tennant announced that General Smith-Dorrien will command in East Africa.

LIFE OF PARLIAMENT PROLONGED.

LONDON, Dec. 14. The Bill extending the life of Parliament for a year (mentioned in a telegram published a few days ago) has passed its second reading.

SATISFACTORY RECRUITING FIGURES.

LONDON, Dec. 14. At a Recruiting Conference, held at Downing Street, general satisfaction was expressed at the figures submitted by Lord Derby. The figures, which are substantially better than had been expected, are being reserved for Mr. Asquith's speech on Thursday.

WESTERN FRONT.

PARIS, Dec. 14, 2.45 p.m. A communiqué issued states that there is nothing to report.

GERMAN MILITARY PRISONERS IN UNITED KINGDOM.

LONDON, Dec. 14. Mr. Tennant, Under Secretary for War, said that the total number of German military prisoners in the United Kingdom was 21,395.

BULGARIANS ON GRECO-SERBIAN FRONTIER.

SALONIKA, Dec. 14. The Bulgarians have occupied posts formerly held by the Serbians along the Greco-Serbian frontier. All is quiet.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE BALKANS.

FRENCH RETIREMENT CONTINUES.

PARIS, Dec. 14. After repulsing Bulgarian attacks all Saturday, the French troops on Saturday night and Sunday morning continued their retirement without fighting. The movements, notwithstanding the difficulties of the ground, were effected in accordance with the decisions of the Commander, and all the material was saved. We occupied on Sunday the line from Chevignol to Kildin.

SUPPLIES FOR SERBIAN REFUGEES.

LONDON, Dec. 14. In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil said that the Allied Government were collecting ample supplies for the Serbian refugees. There were great difficulties to surmount, but he believed that the numbers of the refugees were less than was at first supposed.

GREEK TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

SALONIKA, Dec. 14. As a result of the agreement between the Greek and Allied staffs, the Greek troops have been withdrawn, giving the Allied freedom of movement in the Salonika-Balkan zone. The Allied military authorities to-day took over a portion of the Salonika Customs House.

GERMANY AND GREECE'S NEUTRALITY.

ATHENS, Dec. 14. It is unofficially announced that the German Government has asked Greece whether the new facilities afforded the Allies compared with Greek neutrality. The position is extremely delicate, though there is reason to believe that the Germans do not desire to bring matters to a head, recognising Greece's exceptional circumstances.

SHARP CANNONADE AT DARDANELLES.

PARIS, Dec. 14. There was a sharp cannonade at the Dardanelles on Saturday and Sunday, and an explosion of two mines on Sunday badly damaged Turkish defences. Our heavy guns subsequently severely punished the reserves which were brought up, and the defences.

RECRUITING IN ENGLAND.

SUCCESS OF LORD DERBY'S SCHEME.

LONDON, Dec. 14. The recruiting authorities this afternoon declare that Lord Derby's scheme is beyond all question, an unqualified success. They are now devoting their energies to direct enlistment.

PREMIER TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith said he hoped to make a statement on the results of Lord Derby's recruiting scheme on Thursday.

FRENCH RENTES.

PARIS, Dec. 18. French stock now stands at 64.50.

ARMY RE-ORGANISATION IN INDO-CHINA.

PARIS, Dec. 18. An official decree approves all the transformations for the Corps of Indo-Chinese troops which had been provisionally established by the Governor-General from December 2, 1914, and affirms that till the end of hostilities the Governor, on propositions submitted by him to the G.O.G., will proceed, by permanent delegation of the Ministers for War and Colonies, to provide each troops as may be needed by the Service.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

December 18th—Centre Section M.G. Co.—Fall in at Headquarters at 1.45 p.m. December 19th—Left Section and Scouts Company—Fall in at Headquarters at 2.30 p.m.

Dress, Arms and Accoutrements. Khaki drill jacket and shorts, puttees, helmet, rifle, sidearms, bandolier, belt, haversack (with food), waterbottle (filled), greatcoat (rolled), mess tin and 150 rounds ball ammunition.

PARADES.

Parades for Thursday, 18th instant: 7.00 a.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers, as detailed in Signalling Section order dated 8.12.15. 3.15 p.m. Recruits of Right Section M.G. Co.—Squad drill and musketry exercises at Headquarters.

3.15 p.m. Recruits of all units (except Right Section M.G. Co. and Signalling Section)—Squad drill and musketry exercises at Headquarters under Sergt. Frith.

DETAILS.

Club Golf Hill, Kowloon.—On duty until morning of 20th inst. No. 1 Sec. Arty. Batty. and Left Sec. M.G. Co. Officer on duty: Lieut. Rees. Prisoners of War Camp.—On duty tonight: Scouts Company. Officer on duty: Lieut. Murphy. On duty to-morrow night: Scouts Co. Officer on duty: Capt. Hutchinson. On duty 17th inst.: Right Sec. M.G. Co. Officer on duty: Lieut. Kennett. Orderly Sergeant until morning of 20th inst.: Corp. A. A. Bolton.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

PARADES, ETC.

Thursday, Dec. 18th—Recruits of 3rd and 4th Platoons No. 1 Company, and of No. 3 Company, 5.30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17th—Band Practice. Saturday, Dec. 18th—N. C. Officers' Dinner, 8 p.m. sharp. Sunday, Dec. 19th—Details for Musketry Course. Blake Pier 9 a.m. CHRISTMAS PATROLS.

The members of No. 3 Company have offered to take over Patrol Duties of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies on Dec. 24th, 25th, and 27th. The necessary arrangements will be made between the commanding officers of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies and Inspector Mow Fung. Reciprocal arrangements will be made in connection with the Chinese New Year holidays.

JOINED.

No. 2 Platoon, No. 2 Company—B. M. C. de Cunha. No. 3 Company—Chan Ming, Chow Wah, Ling, Lau Sheek Wal, Wong Tat Chuen, Yip One Lenny. Band—B. M. Castro, E. J. Lopes, C. S. Franco. Ambulance—Lam Chung To, Lam Ho Chi, Lau Hung, Yung Shu Ki, So Sing Woon, So Mon, Chin Tuen Ki. (Sgt. P. C. Jensen, D.S.P. (Reserve).

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CHINESE TELEGRAM.

(Wah Tai Yat Po's Service.)

THE OLD EMPEROR AND THE NEW.

PEKING, Dec. 14.

Messieurs Kai and Yu, concubines of the late Emperor Kwong Hsi, ordered the Superintendent of the Affairs of the deposed Imperial Family to request the Emperor Yuan Shih Kai to allow the ex-Emperor, Hsun Tung, to vacate the Palace and reside at Yihwo-yuen Garden (Spring Garden); but the Emperor (Yuan Shih Kai) said it was too soon yet to talk of the matter.

At the Kuian Palace, the officials, bowing three, offered congratulations to the Emperor-elect upon his accepting the Throne.

The Emperor, in a mandate, explains that he accepted the Throne in order to comply with the wishes of the people, and gives warning that all rebels will be punished according to law.

SPORTING.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

LADIES' DAY.

The results of the rowing and yachting events at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on Saturday last were as follows:—

HANDICAP CLAS.

(1) Kathleen, Miss Iris May.
(2) Colleen, Mrs. Pollock.

ONE DESIGN CLASS.

(1) Alisa, Mrs. Arthur.
(2) Daphne, Miss Dai Pan.

KEYBOARD HANS AND GAIL CLASSES.

(1) Alisa, Miss Wilkinson.
(2) Theda, Miss Robertson.

DOUBLE SCULL.

(1) Miss Lamont, (Bow).
Miss Denison, (Stroke).
Capt. Fordham, (Cox).
(2) Miss Wilkinson, (Bow).
Mrs. Arthur, (Stroke).
Capt. Thomson, (Cox).

The second of the series of the Cruiser Championship Race round Datum Rock, Distance 14.5 miles, which was sailed off on Sunday last resulted as follows:—

CHINESE RIG.

Hoop on Finishing Corrected Course. Time. Time.

Yacht. M. S. H. M. S. H. M. S.
Miranda. Scratch. 1 07 39. 1 01 39.
Oenone. 4 56. 1 07 08. 1 02 12.
Saipa. 9 52. D. N. S.
Scottingham. 9 52. 1 03 21. 12 53 59.
Dorothy II. 24 40. 1 17 16. 12 52 50.
Tuttan. 49 20. D. N. S.
Flora. 74 00. 1 37 23. 12 23 23.

ENGLISH RIG.

Hoop on Finishing Corrected Course. Time. Time.

Yacht. M. S. H. M. S. H. M. S.
Feathers. 9 52. 1 17 07. 1 07 16.
Spoonspit. 9 52. D. N. S.
Erin. 9 52. D. N. S.
Irene. 14 43. D. N. S.
Queen Bee. 14 48. 1 25 45. 1 10 57.

Position. Points for Race Points to date

1. Flora. 8. 8.
2. Dorothy II. 6. 14.
3. Scottingham. 5. 11.
4. Miranda. 4. 9.
5. Oenone. 3. 7.
6. Saipa. 2. 5.
7. Tutan. 1. 4.

Position. Points for Race Points to date

1. Feathers. 6. 12.
2. Queen Bee. 4. 8.
3. Erin. 3. 5.
4. Spoonspit. 2. 3.
5. Irene. 1. 2.

Owing to the mobilisation of Volunteers there will be no racing next Saturday.

GOLF.

Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

The competition at Happy Valley for the December Captain's Cup and Pool resulted as follows:—

CUP.

Tie J. A. B. Stewart. 82-6-76.
A. K. Henderson. 80-14-76.
L. C. D. C. F. Schmidt. 85-13-77.
N. E. Kent. 81-13-77.
C. Bulmer Johnson. 38-6-78.
H. E. Stevens. 97-18-78.

POOL.

A. B. Stewart. 82-6-76.

MATCH AT FAN LING.

The Club and the U.S.R.C. played at Fanling on Sunday. Singles were played in the morning and four ball foursomes in the afternoon. The scores were:—

STICKS.

R. H. K. G. C.

Mr. T. S. Forrest. 0.
Mr. T. W. Hill (3 up). 1.
Mr. W. H. Dodwell (3 and 2). 1.
Mr. R. A. Brand (1 up). 1.
Mr. A. Ritchie (1 up). 1.
Mr. G. S. Archibut (7 and 6). 1.
Mr. A. H. Crow (2 and 5). 1.
Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson (3 and 2). 1.

U. S. R. C.

Mr. C. Campbell (5 and 3). 1.
Dr. T. Lindsay Woods. 0.
Mr. K. McLennan. 0.
Mr. C. D. Martyn. 0.
Mr. W. D. Kraft and Mr. R. E. Lindell. 0.
Mr. J. Hooper and Mr. D. J. Mackenzie (3 and 2). 1.

MATCHES.

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U. S. R. C.

Mr. C. Campbell (5 and 3). 1.
Dr. T. Lindsay Woods. 0.
Mr. K. McLennan. 0.
Mr. C. D. Martyn. 0.
Mr. W. D. Kraft and Mr. R. E. Lindell. 0.
Mr. J. Hooper and Mr. D. J. Mackenzie (3 and 2). 1.

FOUR-BALL FOURSOMES.	
U. S. R. C.	
Mr. T. S. Forrest and Mr. T. W. Hill.	0
Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mr. R. A. Brand (2 and 1).	1
Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr. C. S. Archibut (1 up).	1
Mr. A. H. Crow and Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson.	0
U. S. R. C.	3
Mr. C. Campbell and Dr. Lindsay Woods (1 up).	1
Mr. K. McLennan and Mr. C. D. Martyn.	0
Mr. W. D. Kraft and Mr. R. E. Lindell.	0
Mr. J. Hooper and Mr. D. J. Mackenzie (3 and 2).	1

A return match will be played at Kowloon on a date to be arranged.

OPTIM ON THE "MISHIMA MARU."

Further Court Proceedings.

The optim case, in which three Europeans, named Walter Edmund Hearsh, Mrs. Reardon and Madame Declaire, are charged with being in possession of and attempting to import a large quantity of opium into Hongkong was resumed before Mr. Macleod this afternoon.

The male defendant gave further details of the luggage he was to look after for the ladies. It consisted of an "innovation" trunk, a leather hat trunk and a "carryall." The latter, he thought, was in the ladies' cabin, but as he had never been there, he was not sure. The fourth was a cabin trunk, which he believed belonged to the third defendant. The second defendant asked him on the boat when nearing Hongkong to look after the baggage or instruct the second steward to do so.

Questioned by the Magistrate, defendant said the second defendant told him what her luggage was. He was going to Yokohama and the ladies were going to Canton, and he presumed the ladies were going to Yokohama by a later boat. Regarding a bunch of keys, defendant said the keys were various. The four keys which opened the first of the boxes, opened his cabin trunk. The third and fourth keys opened his desk in England. As to the labels on the boxes (produced) they were rubbed off in labeling.

Counsel observed that defendant was giving the evidence on this point voluntarily and not on advice. The defence did not have to meet suggestion: more suggestion would not deprive a man of his liberty in these Courts.

Cross-examined by Mr. King: Witness said he got the box which was supposed to belong to Mrs. Reardon. He was not asked by any Police Officer to get it; there was a general request for it, and he volunteered to get it.

Mr. Hazland said one point occurred to him, namely that if the defendant referred to these trunks, would not the order have been given for the eight trunks to be landed at Yokohama?

Mr. King said the Police had seized four. Three were on the deck, and the case for the prosecution was that the defendant was trying to save the other four.

Defendant asked if Horne (who had given evidence) was engaged by him as a valet in London, answered that Horne had been so employed from November a year ago until September 8th, but witness could not be sure about the date.

Mr. King: Did you give Horne any luggage to take to Shanghai?

Defendant: No. I discharged Horne a week after I came back from America. Horne was not in my employ when he sailed for Japan on October 7th.

Witness was present when Horne labelled eight trunks for Shanghai in London? asked Mr. King.

Defendant: No. Can you explain why Horne gave a name like yours as his employer when he was tried in Shanghai? I presume he used my name as a reference. That is the only explanation I can give. He knew I was coming out, because when I discharged him, it was on account of the war. Witness told Horne he could not keep him and said that (he defendant) was going out back on business.

Defendant said he gave his ex-servant the money with which to cable for £300. He gave Horne three five pound notes and some French money, as he did not know the price of cabling from Hongkong.

Mr. King: That would work out at about 100 a word.

Defendant: That is nothing extraordinary; I have often paid 100 a word.

The Magistrate: How much did Horne return to you?—He gave me £13 and the French money.

Defendant denied ever receiving a letter from Inspector Gordon, posted from Shanghai.

Mr. King: That is certainly an omission. I saw it myself.

Mr. King: Do you know Sydney Cohen? asked Mr. King.

Defendant: No. The case was again adjourned.

To-day's Advertisements

NOTICE.

WILL the gentleman, wearing khaki (believed to have been accompanied by a lady and child) who on MONDAY the 6th December, in the vicinity of the fountain, in Queen's Road at about 7.40 p.m. was asked to direct a foreign gentleman with small dark pointed beard to a certain destination, please communicate with the D.A.A. and C.M.G. China Command, Hongkong.

By doing so he will be rendering a public service.

Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1915. 1067

WANTED.

HARBOUR ENGINEER British, Copy references; application in own handwriting; stating age and any required by W. S. BAILLY & Co., Ltd. Hongkong Dec. 15, 1915. 1066

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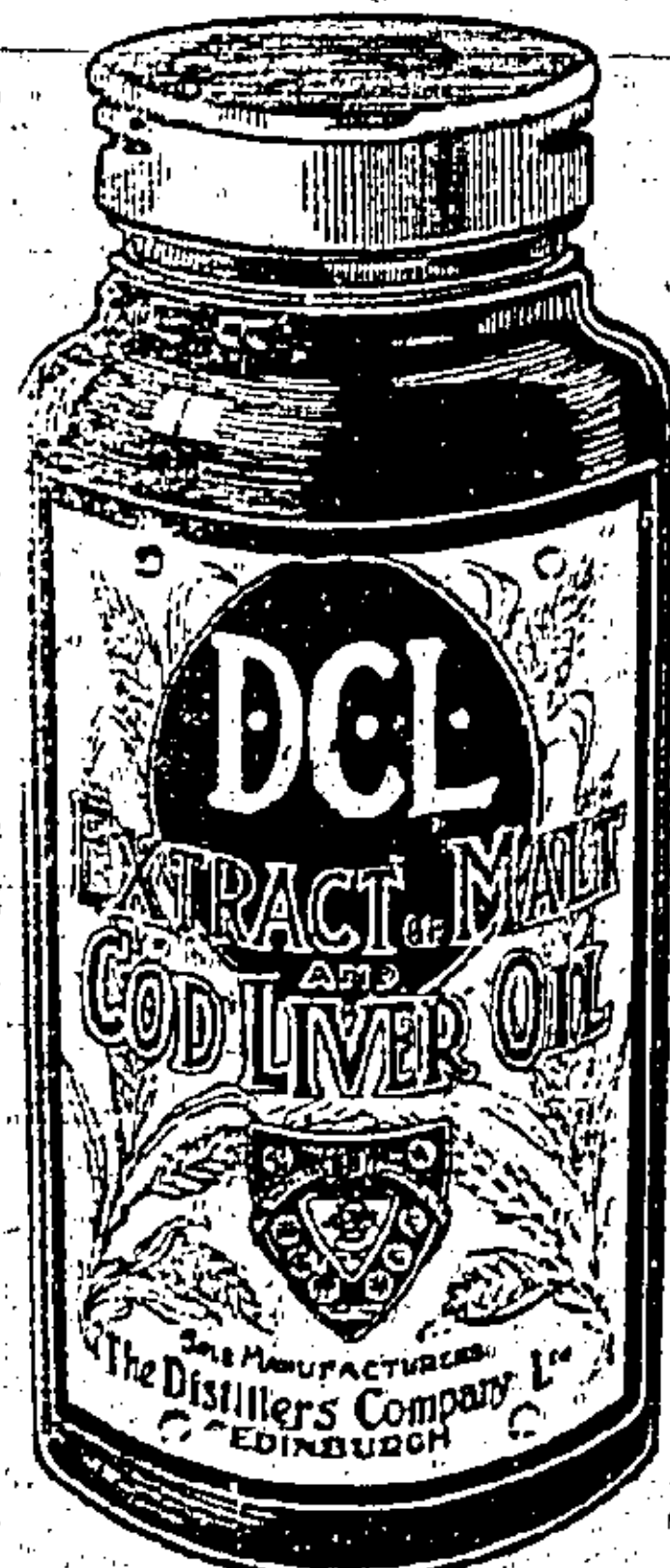
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